

## APPEAL TO TAFT TO UPHOLD LAW MADE BY DIXON

Roosevelt Leader Declares  
Law Is Violated in  
Kentucky.

## CHARGES COME FROM PROMINENT JURIST

Serious Trouble Threatened and  
Two Conventions May Be  
the Result.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

Stirred by the activity of Federal officeholders in Kentucky politics, and by their specific offenses against the laws, civil service regulations and executive orders, Senator Joseph M. Dixon, chairman of the Roosevelt national committee, today sent to President Taft a letter presenting an indictment and demanding enforcement of the laws.

The charges relate to proceedings at certain conventions in Kentucky on Saturday, when postmasters, acting as officers of political organizations, undertook to override the majorities and give credentials to Taft candidates for delegates.

Senator Dixon's letter is a red-hot one. It puts squarely up to the President the question of his sincerity in claiming to desire the Federal officials to keep out of politics.

## May Have Two Conventions.

All indications are that there will be two conventions in Kentucky. Something like a third of the seats are contested, and specific charges of particular outrages, committed by Federal officers, are being prepared, as the basis for the contest.

If the State convention is pulled off without worse than a split, it, in fact, there is not a right demonstration and a fine collection of broken heads—it will be a surprise to managers on both sides, who are getting ready for every eventuality. Indications are that the climax of the bitter feeling will come in an outbreak and appeal to force. A physical combat in the form of a struggle for possession of the convention hall, is by no means impossible.

## Makes Specific Charges.

Senator Dixon's letter, sent to President Taft this morning, deals only with specific charges of outrages committed by Federal officials. Scores of other instances of like interference with the integrity of the primaries have been brought forward. The letter reads:

"In recognition of the deep sense of common honor and of the broad love of fair play which characterize the American people as a whole, and in the interest of the welfare of the Republican party, which all Republicans genuinely desire to promote, I submit for your consideration and action the following dispatch which has been received from the Hon. Ed C. O'Rear, former chief justice of the supreme court of the State of Kentucky, and Republican candidate for governor of that State at the last election:

Frankfort, Ky., April 7, 1912.

Hon. Joseph M. Dixon,

Roosevelt Headquarters,

Washington, D. C.

Later returns give Roosevelt first district, but chairman of McCracken county, who is deputy postmaster at Paducah, signs Taft certificate, though Roosevelt carried county by 1,066 to 517. In Carlisle county Roosevelt had all but three, one of whom, the chief justice, signs Taft certificate. The district chairman is postmaster at Mayfield. Nothing approaching these high-handed methods has ever been developed before in Kentucky politics.

ED C. O'REAR.

## Facts Brought Out.

"I call your attention to certain obvious facts emphasized by this telegram.

"First—Several different specified Federal officeholders are here charged with open and flagrant violation of law, of civil service regulations, and of Executive orders issued by the President of the United States.

"Second—These acts were committed by supporters of your candidacy for re-nomination, and on the theory that they were in the interests of that candidacy.

"Third—These acts operate to subvert the directly expressed will of the majority.

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## ANNUAL CONTEST OF EGG ROLLERS AT WHITE HOUSE

Grounds Thronged With  
Tots Who Make Merry  
Throughout Day.

## CONCERT IS GIVEN BY MARINE BAND

President Taft Too Busy With  
State Affairs to Witness  
Sport.

The ancient tradition of Easter Monday at the White House, when the exclusive White Lot is thrown open to hundreds of youthful egg rollers, was revived today when a legion of members of the Order of Egg Rollers, together with an equally numerous company of parents, guardians, and elderly friends staged the annual picture to be viewed by the President and Mrs. Taft and a numerous audience that fringed the entire semicircle of the iron-railed space.

For more than an hour Mrs. Taft entertained a numerous party of children on the south portico within view of the entire park. In the party were youthful members of the families of Secretary of Interior and Mrs. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Grosvenor, Justice and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Herron, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Francis.

## President Was Busy.

President Taft expected to go out on the portico for a moment to watch the children before the lawn was cleared at 1 o'clock, but was so busily engaged in his office that he did not reach the park until the crowd had dispersed.

The day did not begin auspiciously. There was a chilly wind that belied the brilliant sunshine and the crowd of small children who in other years have clamored for admission at 9 o'clock was absent. Instead there were three little girls, daintily but warmly dressed, accompanied by a maid, who waited for the gates to open. Eight large policemen stood at attention when this little party entered the gates.

## Only Eligibles Got In.

Only members of the youthful Order of Egg Rollers could walk by the policemen at the gate without paying attention to them. Elder people had to coin excuses or meet with rebuffs. Of course, Sergeant Brown's squad was courteous, but it was firm.

## Must Have Children to Go In?

"Must we have children to go in?" inquired a young woman.

"Oh, dear, and me with eight at home," said a middle-aged woman in the group.

"V. I. anyway we can get two boys for 25 cents apiece. Will that be enough?"

"They must be your children," said one of the policemen, gravely.

The young woman, who looked like a visitor to Washington, gravely winked at the policeman and entered the park.

## Kodaks Were Barred.

Persons with Kodaks were barred. As a result there was a fine of kodaks about the park railing, possibly seeking points of vantage from which they could snap the scene.

## Fate of the Eggs.

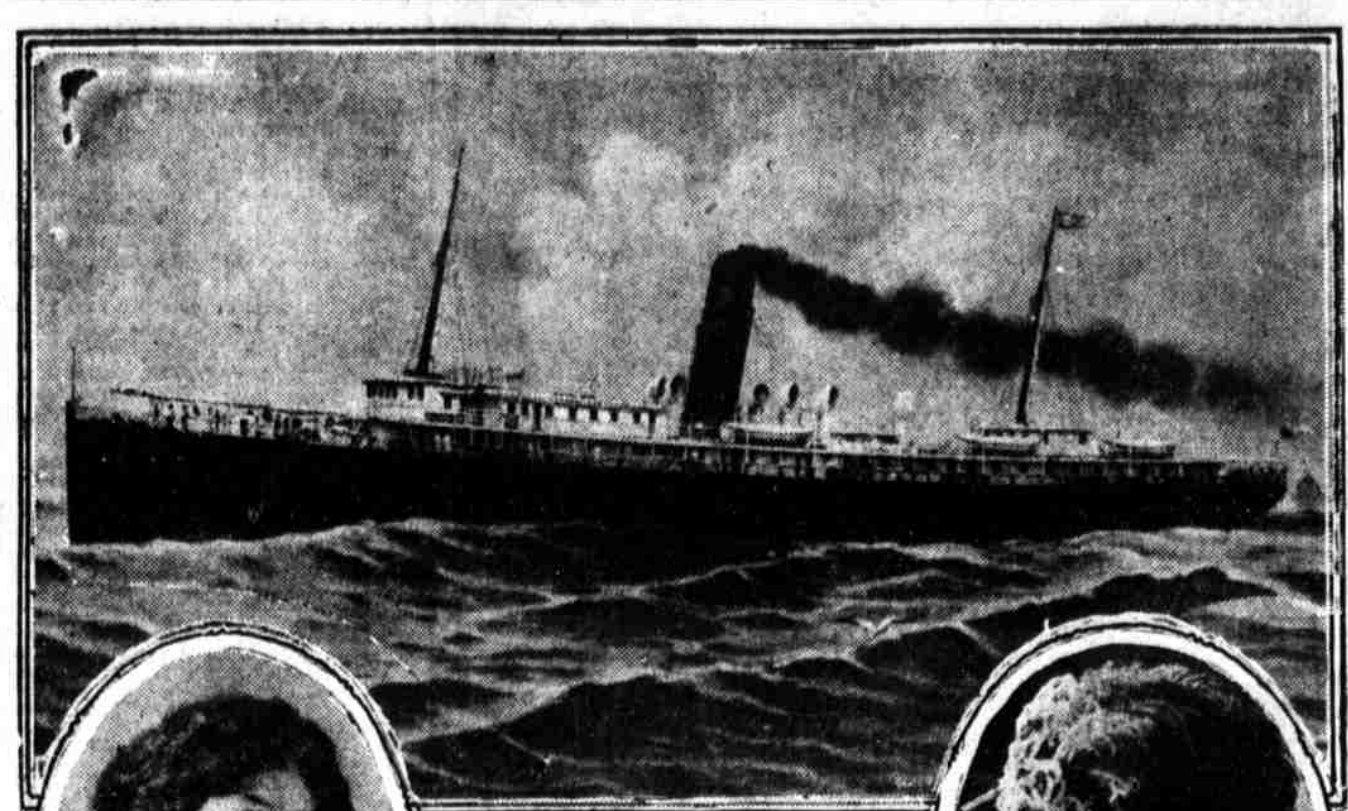
Once inside, these colored eggs suffered a variety of fates. They were not merely rolled down verdant inclines to be rescued when near the bottom by excited children. There were some eggs that provoked the appetites of their owners. These eggs were promptly aimed at trees. The shells, once "accidentally" broken in this way, the rest was easy.

## There were also a few belligerent groups of children, chiefly boys, who found their pleasure in rolling eggs together in a contest of egg shell strength. The egg first cracked brought defeat to its owner.

## The elders displayed keen enthusiasm in the fun. Most of the children acted as conveyors to at least two persons, and there was one group of five men and

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## Burned Ship and Two Washington Passengers



STEAMER ONTARIO.

## RECOGNITION WILL BE REFUSED ENVOYS OF MEXICAN REBEL

Representatives of General Orozco Are Doomed to Disappointment.

The representatives of General Orozco, the commander-in-chief of the rebels in Mexico, who are on their way to Washington to ask recognition of the belligerents, are doomed to disappointment.

It was announced at the State Department today that the Government's attitude is today the same as it was in the beginning, and the only authority in Mexico which is entitled to any recognition by the United States is President Madero.

It is admitted, however, that if General Orozco succeeds in winning the battle impending at Torreon his claims for recognition may receive greater respect.

The news from Mexico sent to the State Department today tells of the capture of the rebels of the town of Panuco, in the State of Vera Cruz. They are said to have later evacuated the town, however, on hearing of the approach of a Federal force.

## Worry for Americans.

Some concern is felt for the safety of Americans and others in Acapulco, for the reason that the town has been practically cut off from communication for some time. This is said to be due to the rigid censorship enforced by the rebels, and not because of any cutting of wires by rebels.

It is reported, at the same time, that the wires between Durango and Mexico City have been cut for some time. The rebels are in possession of the line, and the neighboring country in the state of Durango.

Revolutionists have also captured a hacienda in the state of Sonora, about ninety miles southeast of Douglas. The capture of the rebels in Sonora is causing great uneasiness, the state being a particularly rich and prosperous one.

The dispatches between the officials of the national railroads and the Americans employed on them as conductors and engineers has not been settled. The State Department has still to hear, also, of the safe arrival of the arms in Mexico City intended for the Americans there.

## De la Barra Popular.

The popularity of De la Barra is attested by the dispatches to the State Department. It is universally believed in Mexico among the best classes that De la Barra is to be the next President of Mexico if the revolution is successful. De la Barra has been preaching peace and a compromise between the rebels and the federalists since he returned to the capital city from Paris.

The rebels in Puebla and Morelos are increasing in number.

The federalists, however, have won a battle near Saltillo, it is reported. It is not believed the engagement was an important one, however.

The murder of W. H. Walte, the manager of the Esmeraldas plantation at Ochotlan, in the state of Vera Cruz, an American, was not by bandits, as first reported, but by a laborer who had a grudge against Mr. Walte.

Dispatches to the State Department confirm the rebel victory at Parral.

## Student's Locker Robbed.

The theft of a small bank containing about \$11 has been reported to the police by Joseph Riley, of 119 B street northeast. The bank was taken from Riley's locker at the Eastern High School, where he is a student.

## Last Minute News Told in Brief

**SHIP CAPTAIN MURDERED.**  
NEW YORK, April 8.—The police are working on a mysterious robbery and murder, following the finding of the body of Capt. Michael Starrett. His hands were tied behind his back with heavy rope and his skull had been crushed with an axe.

**REHEARING DATE ADVANCED.**  
The Supreme Court granted the Government's motion to advance for rehearing the Bathub trust case. Chief

**TWO ARE KILLED.**  
NEW YORK, April 8.—Seven huge blocks of Indiana limestone crashed from the fourth floor of a building in the course of construction in Fifth avenue at Fifty-sixth street. William Budge, foreman, and an unidentified Italian laborer were killed.

**NEW CHINESE MASSACRE.**  
PEKING, April 8.—Advices received here from Lassa say that a general uprising against the Chinese and in favor of independence has begun here. All Chinese are being massacred.

**RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION.**  
Confirmation was recommended by the Senate Judiciary Committee today of the nominations of George L. Townsend to be United States marshal of Delaware, and Joseph L. McNab to be United States district attorney in San Francisco.

## CREWS FIGHTING BLAZE IN HOLD OF THE ONTARIO

Men of Revenue Cutter  
Acushnet and Life-Savers  
Aid Captain Bond.

## THIRTY PASSENGERS TO BOSTON BY TRAIN

Value of Cargo Being Consumed  
By Flames Will Not Be Known  
for Several Days.

MONTAUK POINT, L. I., April 8.—

The crew of the steamer Ontario, assisted by crews of near-by life saving stations and the revenue cutter Acushnet, are still pouring streams of water into the blazing hold of the Merchants and Miners' vessel.

The cutters Seneca and Mohawk are on their way here from New York to aid in fighting the flames.

Thirty women and children were taken from the burning steamer Ontario, of the Merchants and Miners' line, off Montauk Point by the tug Tascos, and landed at New London, Conn., at 1 o'clock today.

They were taken immediately to Boston by train.

The captain and crew decided to remain with the vessel, beached five miles from here, and fight the flames which signals of distress from the vessel of the passengers also elected to remain although the tug is standing by, awaiting the moment when the passengers and crew still on board will be forced to leave the vessel.

Despite squally gusts of wind that brought sweeping clouds of snow, the vessel was safely beached.

## Heavy Sea Running.

When the passengers were taken from the burning ship there was little difficulty, as the vessel was beached, but the blowing snow caused some inconvenience. Although the sea was running heavy the passengers were let over the side by the passenger ladders to the tug that rolled steadily in the seaway.

## Tug Tascos Arrives.

A short time later the tug Tascos, from New London steamed into the shallow waters about the stranded vessel.

Captain Bond took a line from the tug and put aboard of her thirty women and children passengers who were stricken with fear following the discovery of the blaze in the early morning.

With the vessel safely beached in shallow water, Captain Bond, despite the heavy sea running, decided to flood the burning hold. The water, high in the water, and in order to let the sea a hole was torn in the hull. The Tascos stood by the vessel, and the battle with the flames, and the line rocketed to the ship early in the morning by the life-savers, rigged with the breeches buoy, still attached to the shore to take off the crew and the remaining passengers if it became necessary.

## Revenue Cutters Gave Valiant Aid To Burning Vessel

Every effort was put forth by the Revenue Cutter Seneca today to help the passengers of the steam Ontario. Men of the Life-Saving Service, stationed near the place where the Ontario was beached, were first on the scene and the rescue of the thirty women and children on board the burning vessel was effected by the life-savers working with the crew of the tug Tascos on board of which the passengers were placed.

Wireless signals picked up and forwarded to Woods Hole, Mass., where the cutter Acushnet was stationed, caused the commander of that vessel, W. A. Wiley, to start at once for Montauk Point by 7.

Dispatches here indicate that the Acushnet got to the scene just after the life-savers had got their hawsers and breeches buoy rigged the Acushnet stood by to aid while the men and women made their overboard voyage.

Later in the day two other cutters came up to the burning vessel. The Mohawk was started flying along the coast of Long Island from New York by Capt. Howard Emery, commander of the New York division of the service.

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## COMMITTEE TO REDRAFT THE UTILITIES BILL

District Body in Senate  
Meets and Suggests Num-  
ber of Changes.

## MEASURE NOW IN GALLINGER'S HANDS

Action Is Victory for Senators  
Who Favor More  
Stringency.

The Senate Committee on the Dis-

trict of Columbia held a meeting unexpectedly this morning, took up the District public utilities bill, and proceeded to tighten up its provisions.

The upshot of the meeting was that, after discussion, the bill was turned over to Senator Gallinger with instructions to have certain important changes made and then to report it to the Senate.

The result will be in all probability that a much improved bill over the one that was pending on the Senate floor some days ago will be passed by the Senate.

## Bill to Be Redrafted.

The District Commissioners and the Corporation Council were present at the meeting today. They were heard with respect to changes in the bill. While the redrafting of the bill, or the changes in it, is nominally in the hands of Senator Gallinger, the Corporation Council is to do the actual work.

Senator Gallinger decided today to make any statement as to the details of the amendments. Reticence was displayed also by other members of the committee. It was learned, however, that the changes in the bill relate to phases which were pretty well threshed out on the Senate floor some days ago in the debate at that time, sharp objection was made to features of the bill and Senator Gallinger consequently withdrew it suddenly and referred back to the District Committee.

## Changes That Are Ordered.

The changes ordered by the committee today provide for stricter capitalization control over the public utilities corporations, provide that the commission shall have control over the matter of franchise by one public service corporation of stock or bonds of another and broaden the provisions of the bill as to the use of the property of one corporation by another.

The action of the committee today is a victory for those Senators who insisted in the Senate debate some days ago that the bill as it stood was too liberal, and should be made more stringent.

Senator Gallinger is expected to get the amended measure whipped into shape, and to get a report within a short time made to the Senate.

Those at the meeting today included Senators Gallinger, Cullis, Currier, Pomeroy, Lea, and Johnston.

## FINE GOVERNMENT FOR MISAPPROPRIATION

Supreme Court Rules Col. de

Bange Must Be Paid for His Gun Patent.

Uncle Sam today was declared guilty by the Supreme Court of misappropriating a patent safety device for breech-loading guns, claimed by Colonel de Bange, a French army officer. An award of \$18,000 damages against the Government, given by the Court of claims was affirmed by the high court. The French officer claimed \$1,400,000 damages.

Colonel de Bange explained his device to a United States military board in 1883 and alleged board adopted the device without compensating him. The Government denied infringement of the patent, declaring the device used was almost an improved adaptation of the de Bange contrivance.

## IN CONGRESS TODAY

**SENATE.**  
Senate met at 9 o'clock.

District Committee meets, considers the public utilities bill, and decides to tighten up its provisions and have it reported to the Senate.

Senator Chamberlain will speak on workman's compensation bill.

Finance Committee continues sugar hearings.

Congressman Norris files statement of election expenses in Senatorial race in Nebraska.

**HOUSE.**  
The House met at noon.

A resolution was adopted making available for its tributaries a portion of the \$250,000 voted recently to strengthen the Mississippi river levees.

Debate was resumed on the Indian appropriation bill.

District day was sidetracked until next Thursday.

**White House Callers.**  
**SENATORS.**  
Wright, Wyo. Lodge, Mass.  
Smith, Utah Phil. N. May  
Smith, Mich. Catton, N. Mex.  
Swanson, Va.

**CONGRESSMEN.**  
Fayne, N. Y. Glenn, Va.  
Ames, Ohio. Mondak, Mo.  
McKinney, Ill. Smith, Mich.  
Humphrey, Wash. Hewland, Ohio.

## WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Fair tonight and Tuesday; frost to-night; rising temperature Tuesday.

## TEMPERATURES.

U. S. BUREAU. AFFLECK'S.

8 a. m. .... 37 8 a. m. .... 43

9 a. m. .... 40 9 a. m. .... 42

10 a. m. .... 42 10 a. m. .... 44

11 a. m. .... 44 11 a. m. .... 46

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2 p. m. .... 46 2 p. m. .... 48

**TIDE TABLE.**  
Today—High tide, 12:36 a. m. and 12:30 p. m.; low tide, 7 a. m. and 7:37 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide, 1:27 a. m. and 1:42 p. m.; low tide, 7:37 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

**SUN TABLE.**  
Sun rises, 5:36; Sun sets, 6:30